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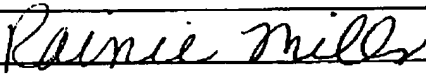
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	First Named Inventor	Viktor Zoubek
	Art Unit	3677
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First Named Inventor	Viktor Zoubek
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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid(\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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Application No.: 10/529,134)
Filing Date: March 23, 2005)
Applicant(s): Viktor Zoubek et al.)
Group Art Unit: 3677)
Examiner: Flemming Saether)
Title: Fixing Element)
Attorney Docket: 47623-0006)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 3, 2006, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on October 3, 2006. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.